

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Business Meeting
7:00 P.M.

July 21, 2015

POST SUMMARY MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Jeffrey E. Turner, Vice-Chairman Gail Hambrick, Commissioner Sonna Gregory, Commissioner Michael Edmondson, Commissioner Shana M. Rooks, and Clerk Sandra T. Davis.

1. Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.
2. Invocation was given by Pastor Dwight Hurt, Sr. of Breakthrough Worship Ministries in Morrow, Georgia. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Chairman Turner.
3. Amended the agenda by updating Item No. 8, Resolution 2015-189 - A Resolution authorizing Clayton County to approve additional grant funds for the provision of Kinship Care Services as described in the FY 2015 Promoting Safe and Stable Families proposal; to update the grant funding amount. Vote unanimous. Added Resolution 2015-196, A Resolution authorizing Clayton County to amend its contract with Construction Management Engineering Services, Inc., providing for the terms and conditions under which services pertaining to the reconstruction of portions of Panola Road will be rendered. Vote unanimous. Motion by Commissioner Edmondson, second by Chairman Turner, to approve the agenda as amended. Vote unanimous.
4. Approved the July 7, 2015 Regular Business Meeting minutes. Vote unanimous.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT: Citizens will be given a three (3)-minute maximum time limit to speak before the Board of Commissioners about various topics, issues, and concerns. Following thirty minutes of hearing from the public, the Board of Commissioners will allow the remainder of citizens who have signed up to be heard at the next Tuesday business meeting.
 1. Dr. Cecelia Owens, a Clayton County resident, presented a written complaint to the Board in regards to the Tax Commissioner. She stated that she has also sent supportive documentation in addition to the written complaint, to the commissioner's email. Dr. Owens also presented the Board with the information she emailed.
 2. Linda Ingram, a Clayton County resident, stated that she was not present to complain about Animal Control. She questioned what the current status or update was with the Animal Control Department. Chairman Turner advised that things were moving forward and advised Ms. Ingram to contact, Detrick Stanford, Interim Chief Operating Officer, as he should be able to provide details in regards to the Animal Control Department. Ms. Ingram asked if she should contact Mr. Stanford in the future for information concerning the Animal Control Department. Chairman Turner advised that if she would like to receive particular information, then she should contact Mr. Stanford's office and if there is no response to contact his office.

3. Wanda Collette Clark-Russell, a Clayton County resident, stated that she was present to make a formal complaint about the foul fowls in her neighborhood. She stated that her neighbors have roosters, ducks, and chickens and she stated that the unwanted sounds occur all day, every day. Ms. Clark-Russell stated that she has timed the animals; they crow starting at 4:00 a.m., and it does not end until night falls. She stated that they are at her bedroom window, when she goes out on her porch, when she is in her den, and when she is outside, she hears this. She stated that she works daily, and this is very disturbing and annoying. Ms. Clark-Russell stated that she time the rooster crowing 75 times in 40 days. Something needs to be done about it, as it disturbs her sleep. It is hard to file a complaint, because the owners are her neighbors. She has complained to them about a crying dog that they had once, that cried all night and it was resolved; but, why should she have to complain about the crowing rooster. She stated that she contacted Captain Jackson of Animal Control, and he came out to observe and hear the complaint (rooster and chickens). Ms. Clark-Russell stated that she has not heard back from him or anyone else to see what the status of her complaint was.

Chairman Turner stated that it would need to be determined if the neighbors were in compliance with the county ordinance in regards to the animals. He advised Ms. Clark-Russell to reach out to Interim Police Chief Michael Register so an assessment can be done and if further assistance is needed, the concern can be presented to the Board. Ms. Clark-Russell questioned if an ordinance has been changed, is there any signage that is to be placed advising of that. Chairman Turner reiterated that she needed to contact Interim Police Chief Register.

6. Consider requests of Debra Brewer, Director of Central Services. (NOTE: The entire Purchasing Ordinance for Clayton County, Georgia can be viewed on the MuniCode website. Citizens can access this website via the following website address: <http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=10562>.)

- 1) Approved the **Recommendation to Amend Sole Source: CAD Dispatch Software Upgrade Contract, Fifth Amendment.** (\$3,992.00 / SunGard Public Sector, Inc., located in High Point, North Carolina. Funding is available through the E-911 Communications 2015 Fund. As requested by the Police Department. Per Section 2-136 (7) of the Clayton County Code of Ordinances, General Purchasing Methods; Central Services must determine if other products or service providers can satisfy the procurement requirements before making a determination of sole source procurement. Sound procurement practice requires that sole source purchases be used when it is the only option and not as an attempt to contract with a favored service provider for a favored product. The Purchasing Agent requires all sole source providers to supply a letter stating that they are the sole source for a given product or service and why they are considered to be the sole source (technology, patents, etc.). All sole source purchases will be clearly defined when presented to the Clayton County Board of Commissioners. Vote unanimous.

2) Approved the **Recommendation for the Purchase and Installation of a Playground at Grant Road Park utilizing U.S. Communities Cooperative Contract #110179.** (\$40,000.00 / GameTime c/o Dominica Recreation Products, Inc., in Longwood, Florida. Funding is available through the Parks and Recreation Community Development Block Grant Funds). As requested by the Parks and Recreation Department. Per Section 2-114 of the Clayton County Code of Ordinances, Cooperative Purchasing Methods; the County may join with other governmental units in cooperative purchasing plans when the best interest of the county would be served thereby. The Clayton County Board of Commissioners makes the final award for cooperative purchases of \$35,000.00 and greater. Vote unanimous.

3) Approved the **Recommendation for the Purchase and Installation of an Outdoor Fitness Playground for the Rex Park Walking Trail utilizing U. S. Communities Cooperative Contract #110179.** (\$45,879.05 / GameTime c/o Dominica Recreation Products, Inc., in Longwood, Florida. Funding is available through the Parks and Recreation Community Development Block Grant Funds). As requested by the Parks and Recreation Department. Per Section 2-114 of the Clayton County Code of Ordinances, Cooperative Purchasing Methods; the County may join with other governmental units in cooperative purchasing plans when the best interest of the county would be served thereby. The Clayton County Board of Commissioners makes the final award for cooperative purchases of \$35,000.00 and greater. Vote unanimous.

4) Approved the **Recommendation for Amendment: Asbestos Abatement, Removal and Disposal for the Clayton County Senior Services Kinship Care Resource Center.** (\$1,900.00 / Carpet / C. J. Hearne Construction Company, located in Atlanta, Georgia. Funding is available through the Senior Services General Funds). As requested by the Senior Services Department. Per Section 2-136 (4) of the Clayton County Code of Ordinances, General Purchasing Methods; the written quote method is used for all purchases from \$500.00 to \$24,999.99. Buyers are required to solicit quotations and receive written responses from vendors. All reasonable efforts will be made to obtain three written quotations for each item solicited. Awards for written quotations are given strictly on a lowest quote. Vote unanimous.

5) Approved the **Recommendation for Purchase of Active Directory Support Service utilizing a Statewide Contract with Dell Computer Inc., for the Information Technology Department.** (\$5,000.00 / State Contract #SWC90813-01 / Dell Computer Inc., located in Round Rock, Texas. Funding is available through the Information Technology's Other Contract Services Accounts). As requested by the Information Technology Department. Per Section 2-136 (6) of the Clayton County Code of Ordinances, General Purchasing Methods; Clayton County has developed annual contracts for frequently used items and services. These

contracts are a result of a sealed bid. The contract allows the county to order goods and services directly from the awarded suppliers through the use of an annual contract document. Vote unanimous.

6) Approved the **Recommendation for Sole Source Award for the purchase of a Subscription for Consolidated Lead Evaluation and Reporting (CLEAR) – Law Enforcement Plus, for the Clayton County Police Department.** (\$15,177.60 / Thomson Reuters (West Publishing Corporation) located in Redmond, Washington. Funding is available through the Police Department General Funds). As requested by the Police Department. Per Section 2-136 (7) of the Clayton County Code of Ordinances, General Purchasing Methods; Central Services must determine if other products or service providers can satisfy the procurement requirements before making a determination of sole source procurement. Sound procurement practice requires that sole source purchases be used when it is the only option and not as an attempt to contract with a favored service provider for a favored product. The Purchasing Agent requires all sole source providers to supply a letter stating that they are the sole source for a given product or service and why they are considered to be the sole source (technology, patents, etc.). All sole source purchases will be clearly defined when presented to the Clayton County Board of Commissioners. Vote unanimous.

7) Approved **The following Annual Contracts are being recommended for renewal and/or amendment pursuant to Section 2-136: (1) and (6) of the Clayton County Code of Ordinances, General Purchasing Methods.** Per Section 2-136 (1) of the Clayton County Purchasing Ordinance, Clayton County utilizes the competitive sealed bid method when the costs of goods and services are in excess of \$25,000.00. The Clayton County Board of Commissioners has the final award approval for all non-budgeted bids \$35,000.00 and greater. All approved budgetary goods and services and annual contract purchases can be authorized by the Finance Director and purchased by the Director of Central Services without Board of Commissioners' approval. Per Section 2-136 (6) of the Clayton County Purchasing Ordinance, Clayton County has developed annual contracts for frequently used items and services. These contracts are a result of a sealed bid. The contract allows the county to order goods and services directly from the awarded suppliers through the use of an annual contract document.

a. Approved **RFB #14-04 Clayton County, Georgia for the Department of Transportation & Development Landfill Earthen Material Services-Annual Contract (Multi-Award) with: (1) Stephens Industries, LP,** located in College Park, Georgia; **(2) TAG Grinding Services, Inc.,** located in Dadeville, Alabama, with a renewal period from August 25, 2015 through August 24, 2016. There is one remaining renewal on these contracts. The Board of Commissioners approved this award on July 15, 2014. Vote unanimous.

- b. Approved **RFB #14-24 Officiating Services for Clayton County Parks and Recreation Athletic Programs –Annual Contract with Peach State Umpires Association, LLC.**, located in Jonesboro, Georgia, to amend the current contract to include basketball officiating services. The Board of Commissioners approved this award on May 6, 2014. Vote unanimous.
 - c. Approved **RFB #14-40 Clayton County Alarm & Sprinkler Systems Inspections and Services – Annual Contracts with VSC Fire and Security, Inc.**, located in Norcross, Georgia, with a renewal period from October 13, 2015 through October 12, 2016. There are three remaining renewals on this contract. The Board of Commissioners approved this award on September 16, 2014. Vote unanimous.
2. **The following Annual Contract is being recommended for renewal pursuant to Section 2-136: (2) and (6) of the Clayton County Code of Ordinances, General Purchasing Methods.** Per Section 2-136 (2) of the Clayton County Purchasing Ordinance, Clayton County utilizes the competitive sealed proposal method when the competitive sealed bid method is neither practical nor advantageous and when cost is not the primary consideration. The competitive sealed proposal method will be used when the costs of goods and services exceed \$25,000.00. All goods and services in the excess of \$25,000.00 are required to be purchased through the sealed proposal process, or negotiated by the Director of Central Services with full Board of Commissioners' approval. The Clayton County Board of Commissioners makes the final award for all non-budgeted proposals of \$35,000.00 and greater. Per Section 2-136 (6) of the Clayton County Purchasing Ordinance, Clayton County has developed annual contracts for frequently used items and services. These contracts are a result of a sealed bid. The contract allows the county to order goods and services directly from the awarded suppliers through the use of an annual contract document.
- a. Approved **RFP #13-06 Alcohol & Drug Treatment Services for the Clayton County Adult Felony Drug Court – Annual Contract with Associated Counseling, Inc.** located in Jonesboro, Georgia. The renewal period is from August 7, 2015 through August 6, 2016. There is one remaining renewal on this contract. The Board of Commissioners approved this award on July 16, 2013. Vote unanimous.

Commissioner Edmondson questioned Brett Lavender, Director of Information Technology, as to what “active directory” was. Mr. Lavender replied that it is a large special purpose data base that would log into the county computer and try to access any of the county systems. It handles that transaction and regulates access based on the security level.

7. Consider the request of Ramona Bivins, Chief Financial Officer.

- 1) Approved the Request for Refund of Business License fees paid by Ms. Shannon

Turner to dba Another Journey Personal Care Home due to the denial of the business license by the Planning and Zoning Division of the Community Development Department, in the amount of \$50. Vote unanimous.

8. Approved Resolution 2015-189 - A Resolution authorizing Clayton County to approve additional grant funds for the provision of Kinship Care Services as described in the FY 2015 Promoting Safe and Stable Families proposal. Vote unanimous.

Synopsis: *This Resolution will allow the County to accept grant funds from the Georgia Department of Human Services in the amount of \$61,083.00 to be matched by the County in the amount of \$20,361.00. The grant period began on October 1, 2014 and will terminate September 30, 2015.*

9. Approved Resolution 2015-190 - A Resolution to approve an amended Memorandum of Understanding to allow Commissioner Sonna Singleton Gregory to partner with Youth Science Academy and American Community Trust to host a Job Fair, Back to School and Community Outreach event at the Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center. Vote unanimous.

Synopsis: *This Resolution will amend a Memorandum of Understanding for Commissioner Sonna Gregory to partner with Youth Science Academy and American Community Trust. The event will be held August 8, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

10. Approved Resolution 2015-191 - A Resolution authorizing Clayton County, on behalf of Clayton County Juvenile Court, to enter into an Affiliation Agreement and Contract for Services with the Georgia Court Appointed Special Advocate Association to accept grant funds and to set forth the terms and conditions under which the grant funds will be utilized. Vote unanimous.

Synopsis: *This Resolution will authorize the County to enter into an Affiliation Agreement and Contract for Services to accept funds from Georgia "CASA" in the amount of \$41,327.24 with no match by the County, to pay salaries for CASA Supervisors. The grant period is July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.*

11. Approved Resolution 2015-192 - A Resolution of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners consenting to a de-annexation from the City of Riverdale to de-annex certain property currently located within the city limits of the City of Riverdale at 1183 King Road. Vote unanimous.

Synopsis: *This Resolution will allow the Board of Commissioners consent of de-annexation requested by the City of Riverdale to de-annex certain property currently located within the city limits of the City of Riverdale at 1183 King Road.*

12. Approved Resolution 2015-193 - A Resolution authorizing Clayton County to enter into a Service Agreement with Grace Harbour, Inc., on behalf of Clayton County Juvenile Court, providing for the terms and conditions under which certain Juvenile Program Services will be rendered to enhance court services for high-risk youth. Vote unanimous.

Synopsis: *This Resolution will allow the Board of Commissioners to enter into a service agreement with Grace Harbour, Inc., to provide direct grant related services for high-risk youths. Grace Harbour, Inc. will utilize \$375,000.00 from grant funds previously allocated in the amount of \$750,000.00 from the 2015 Juvenile Justice Incentive Program Enhancement Grant.*

13. Approved Resolution 2015-194 - A Resolution authorizing Clayton County to enter into a Service Agreement with Southwest Key Programs, Inc., on behalf of Clayton County Juvenile Court, providing for the terms and conditions under which certain Juvenile Program Services will be rendered to enhance court services for high-risk youth. Vote unanimous.

Synopsis: *This Resolution will allow the Board of Commissioners to enter into a service agreement with Southwest Key Programs, Inc., to provide direct grant related services for high-risk youths. Southwest Key Programs, Inc. will utilize \$375,000.00 from grant funds previously allocated in the amount of \$750,000.00 from the 2015 Juvenile Justice Incentive Program Enhancement Grant.*

Commissioner Edmondson asked if the items mentioned in Resolution 2015-193 and Resolution 2015-194 had been bid out. Christie Barnes, Chief Staff Attorney, stated that it was her understanding that Central Services had started the bidding process, but it had not been completed. Commissioner Edmondson questioned the amounts being spent per session for these two particular resolutions, for a two to three week period of time. He asked why the bid wasn't continued, because this is a lot of money being spent. Commissioner Rooks stated that the contracts allow for 20% in administration fees, which equals to \$120,000.00 in salaries. Ms. Brewer explained that during the process of bidding these out, the time that was needed to render the services was revised. All of the services to be rendered needed to be done so within 30 days of an award of funding. Commissioner Edmondson questioned as to when the 30 days began. Ms. Brewer replied from July 1, 2015 to July 30, 2015. Commissioner Edmondson also asked if there was any preliminary work done; how was Grace

Harbour, Inc. and the Southwest Key Programs, Inc. selected if no bid was done. Ms. Brewer advised that they were already providers, and were able to provide continuation of the services being given without interruption. Commissioner Edmondson stated that since it is a 30 day class, he wanted to know when the last class started. John Johnson, Juvenile Court Director, stated that the county has used Grace Harbour for the last three (3) years, and they have great people and provide great services. Commissioner Edmondson stated that he understood that, however, he is trying to get a clear understanding since that is a lot of money that is being spent. Commissioner Edmondson reiterated that the county has been using the Southwest Key Programs, Inc. for the last three years and wanted to know if the county was paying them \$375,000.00 per year for this three week class, or is it paid more frequently. Ashley Martin, Juvenile Court, explained that this is for continuous services for children who will be coming into the program offered; these are children not yet being served. Ms. Martin also confirmed that the fee of \$375,000.00 is a yearly fee, not to be paid every couple of months. Grace Harbour, Inc. is providing three services and Southwest Key Programs, Inc. is providing two services; the seven challenges will also be performed. Commissioner Edmondson questioned if the seven challenges was in the scope of this. Ms. Martin stated that it was, and it is a different service. Commissioner Edmondson questioned if the \$375,000.00 was just for the 30 hour program. He stated again that his concern was that this is a lot of money being spent for a very small program, from his perspective.

Commissioner Rooks stated that she did reach out to Ms. Brewer in regards to this and as to why there wasn't a bid and she was advised that time was short, and that the process had been initiated in November 2014, however, there was a gap in service when then Chief Operating Officer, Alex Cohilas was in place and there was no one there doing the work to get the RFP authorized.

Commissioner Edmondson questioned if everyone was comfortable with what is being presented in regards to these two resolutions. Commissioner Rooks stated that she was not, but since the "ball was dropped", it needs to be continued.

Commissioner Edmondson asked Ms. Martin how many children are served under this contract of \$375,000.00. Ms. Martin replied that it is referral based, but the cap is around 40 children.

14. Died due to the lack of a second. Resolution 2015-195 – A Resolution authorizing Clayton County to enter into a license agreement with MARTA for the installation and operation of a public bus shelter or bench and associated equipment.

Synopsis: *A resolution authorizing Clayton County to enter into a license agreement with MARTA for public bus shelter.*

15. Approved Resolution 2015-196 - A Resolution authorizing Clayton County to amend its contract with Construction Management Engineering Services, Inc., providing for the terms and

conditions under which services pertaining to the reconstruction of portions of Panola Road will be rendered. Vote unanimous.

16. Approved Order for Remission- State of Georgia vs. Marc A. Strickland and 1st Choice Bail Bonds. Vote unanimous.

Synopsis: *The approval of this Order for Remission will authorize a refund to 1st Choice Bail Bonds Surety in the amount of \$1,636.00.*

Ms. Barnes requested an executive session to discuss real estate and litigation matters.

17. Approved the reappointment of Dr. William Hill to the Board of Appeals to fill the current expiring term. The term is for three years expiring on August 19, 2018. (Full-Board Appointment) [Commissioner Rook's recommendation] Vote unanimous.
18. Held the appointment to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Region 3 Advisory Council to fill a vacant seat. The term is for three years expiring on January 31, 2018. (Full-Board Appointment)
19. Motion to reappoint Mr. Rodney Givens to the Solid Waste Management Authority died due to the lack of a second. The term is for four years expiring on August 20, 2019. (Full-Board Appointment) [Chairman Turner's recommendation]

Reconsider motion request by Commissioner Rooks, to consider Chairman Turner's motion, second by Commissioner Rooks, to reappoint Mr. Rodney Givens to the Solid Waste Management Authority. Motion failed 2-3. Commissioner Edmondson, Commissioner Gregory, and Vice-Chairman Hambrick opposed.

20. Approved the appointment of Ms. Rae James to the Zoning Advisory Group to fill the expiring term of Jacqueline Peoples. The term is for three years expiring on August 19, 2018. (Full-Board Appointment) [Commissioner Rook's recommendation] Vote unanimous.
21. Approved the reappointment of K.C. Watts to the Zoning Advisory Group to fill the expiring term of K.C. Watts. The term is for three years expiring on August 19, 2018. (Full-Board Appointment) [Commissioner Gregory's recommendation] Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Rooks, second by Chairman Turner, to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate and litigation matters in the Commissioners' Conference Room at 7:38 p.m. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Edmondson, second by Commissioner Rooks, to go out of Executive Session at 8:14 p.m. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Edmondson, second by Commissioner Rooks, to reconvene the Regular Business Meeting in the Commissioners' Boardroom at 8:17 p.m. Vote unanimous.

Jack Hancock, County Attorney, provided the Board with a copy of a Letter of Intent from Prime Healthcare Foundation, directed to James G. Adams, Chairman of the Board of Southern Regional Health System. The letter proposed a plan by which Prime Healthcare would acquire the assets owned by the county located at Southern Regional Medical Center (SRMC), and would take over and acquire the right to operate SRMC going forward. The operative portions which regard the county of that agreement calls for the Board of Commissioners to convey the property back to the hospital authority and the hospital authority to convey to Prime Healthcare the real property and the fixtures that are located there. The other items would be conveyed by the other entities who own them. In exchange for the Board's conveyance of that real property, Prime Healthcare is agreeing that it will operate SRMC as an acute care hospital for a minimum of five (5) years; within that five (5) year period of time, Prime Healthcare will invest \$50 million in capital improvements into the property. Within the documentation provided to the Board, Prime Healthcare also makes mention of retention of employees, retention of physicians, and development of business. Mr. Hancock stated that this letter is just that, a Letter of Intent, and not a binding agreement.

Troy Schell, General Council for Prime Healthcare Foundation, thanked the Board for allowing Prime Healthcare the opportunity to come back out and speak before the Board in regards to the potential acquisition of SRMC. Prime Healthcare Foundation is a 501c3 public charity which owns seven (7) hospitals in two (2) states, and \$800 million in assets relatively debt free; the debt is under \$50 million. The foundation has been donated primarily by Prime Healthcare Services, an affiliate organization, which owns 27 hospitals over 11 states, has been in operation since 2001. Together the foundation and Prime Healthcare Services are in the business of saving hospitals. The mission is to save hospitals, save jobs, and save lives. When there is a real need for hospitals, such as SRMC and it is absolutely mandatory within its community, they go in and save those hospitals. Mr. Schell stated that Prime Healthcare Foundation buys hospitals out of bankruptcy and those on the verge of bankruptcy. He stated that the focus is to assess if the community needs the hospital, and if so they buy it, flourish it and grow it. He stated that out of 34 acquisitions, there are three (3) things that the company he represents has never done: 1. Never sold an acquired hospital. 2. Never closed an acquired hospital and 3. Never closed or shut down the service line. Prime Healthcare Foundation believes in quality, quality, and quality. The founder of the company, Prim Ready, is a cardiologist by training with over 20 years of experience. He stated that the hospital should not be the hospital of necessity, but the hospital of choice, because by that means you will get more business. Hospitals of choice are those that attract the physicians, nurses and those needing care. Prime Healthcare Services has received a great deal of quality accolades: Top 10 systems by True Analytics in 2009, Top 15 in 2012 and 2013, and

Top 100 hospital 33 separate times at various hospitals. These are the things that matter to them. While focusing on quality, the company can then focus on physician recruitment, through investments in technology and capital. Since 2005, nearly \$1 billion has been spent on capital ranging from remodeling to purchasing new equipment, including light bulbs. The foundation has also donated a great deal of money to charities, nursing school, and medical schools. They will also continue to provide training and will educate the physicians, as well as continue the operation of the five (5) residency programs throughout the country. Mr. Schell stated that they would like to work with local colleges and universities to ensure that the local communities are afforded with the opportunity to have local family medical clinics. He stated that they received a call from SRMC, and they are more than committed to coming in and keeping SRMC open for its community as stated in the Letter of Intent.

Commissioner Edmondson asked Mr. Schell if he would share as to how Prime Healthcare Foundation is able to manage hospital facilities so successfully. Mr. Schell stated that the focus is on the quality of service provided, which leads to a great deal of intangible benefits, as well as focusing on the emergency room and its needs. James Summersett, with Prime Healthcare Foundation, stated that the secret to success is passion. He stated that the company is not owned by a group of investors. The purpose of the company is not to return a financial return to those who have invested money into the company. It has been operated on passion since founded over 20 years ago and it will continue to do so. He stated that passion translates into very small things when running hospitals. Those small things, when attention to detail is observed, are built up to make for a very good product. You can't have good product, if you don't pay attention to those small things. Mr. Summersett stated that through touring SRMC, it is a great facility and there is a definite need in the community for SRMC. He stated that none of their hospitals have lost money and are not in it for profit. The goal is to take whatever money is made and to reinvest it back into that facility.

Commissioner Rooks asked Mr. Schell in regards to the investment he referred to, that he was talking about Clayton County specifically and not the surrounding counties. Mr. Schell replied that this is the intent of Prime Healthcare Systems.

Vice-Chairman Hambrick asked if the company planned on keeping some of the employees that are currently employed at SRMC or will it be having layoffs. Mr. Schell replied that the employees will be retained, whether it is 100% or a little less; the intent is to keep the employees. Mr. Summersett stated that it is not unusual for there to be a small reduction in staffing, however, within two years the employment could be greater than it is at this time. The objective is to build the employment. Chairman Turner informed Mr. Summersett that a lot of Clayton County citizens work at SRMC and the interest is to ensure the citizens continue to work at SRMC.

Vice-Chairman Hambrick questioned if the wait time at the emergency room would be cut. Mr. Summersett replied that it should, as when the patients are brought in there is an immediate assessment

done on the patient, and the goal is to have the patient discharged within two hours or admitted to a patient floor.

Chairman Turner expressed his appreciation in Prime Healthcare System coming in and assessing SRMC, and hopes of purchasing.

Motion by Commissioner Edmondson, second by Commissioner Rooks, for the board to adopt the Letter of Intent with Prime Healthcare Foundation and for the Chairman to sign the Letter of Intent. Vote unanimous.

Commissioner Gregory thanked Fire Chief Landry Merkison, Chief Financial Officer Ramona Bivins and Attorney Hancock for their efforts in this matter concerning SRMC and Prime Healthcare Foundation.

There being no further business to discuss, motion by Commissioner Edmondson, second by Commissioner Rooks, to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting of July 21, 2015 at 8:37 p.m.